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**SUBJECT** Compulsory Military Training Program for Estonian Schoolboys

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1. "In all schools of the Estonian SSR, starting with the fifth class (aged 11-12) all male pupils receive the obligatory elementary pre-conscription military training for students (obiazatelnaia nachalnaia goprizyvnaia voennai podgotovka uchashcheisia moiodezhi). All the costs of this training are covered from the budget of the Ministry for Education of the Estonian SSR. The training is conducted according to instructions and curricula issued by the Ministry for War of the USSR.
2. "In the scholastic year 1952-1953 this elementary pre-conscription training included the following subjects:
  - a. Military training in physical culture based on the norms required to qualify for the badge BGTO (Be ready for Work and Defence). This includes gymnastics, sprinting, obstacle races, swimming, skiing plus four groups of special exercises designed to develop the following qualities:
    - Group I - Speed (sprinting, swimming, creeping on ground, cycling, skating);
    - Group II - Agility (gymnastics, acrobatics, high and broad jumps, diving, ski jumps, acrobatics on horseback);
    - Group III - Casts (grenade casting, javelin casting, discus casting, shot putting);
    - Group IV - Exercises developing physical strength.
  - b. Training in shooting:
    1. Training of individual riflemen without arms.
    2. Training of individual riflemen with arms.
    3. Training of rifles unit without arms.
    4. Training of rifles unit with arms.

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e. Training in shooting:

1. Knowledge of the construction of the small calibre rifles TOZ-8 and TOZ-9
2. Marksmanship with TOZ-8 and TOZ-9
3. Knowledge of construction of rifle type 1891/30 and the carbines type 1938 and type 1944
4. Knowledge of the construction of hand grenade types RGD-33, F-1, RG-42, RPG-40, and RPG-43
5. Casting of hand grenades

f. Military topography:

1. Interpretation of signs
2. Map reading
3. The compass
4. Orientation in strange area with a map
5. Drawing of military sketches

g. ARP . measures [Air-raid precaution]

h. Anti-chemical measures:

1. Construction of anti-gas protector type DP-1 and BN
  2. Putting on and wearing of anti-gas protector DP-1
- i. Signals of air, chemical and fire alarms and the duties of pupils at such times
- j. First aid."

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